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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 1, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 4-5, and 22-68 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 2-3 and 6-21 have been cancelled, and new claims 22-68 have been added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented herein.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of drilling a wellbore using two concentric casings, classified in class 175, subclass 57.
- II. Claims 6-8, drawn to an apparatus for drilling using a casing and one drillable nozzle, classified in class 175, subclass 171.
- III. Claims 9-13, 19, and 20 drawn to an assembly for drilling with casing using one biasing/pivoting member, classified in class 175, subclass 73.
- IV. Claims 14-18, drawn to a method of drilling using a casing an orienting member and a survey tool, classified in class 175, subclass 40.
- V. Claim 21, drawn to a method of collecting information while drilling with casing, classified in class 175, class 45.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, without traverse. New claims 22-68 have been added. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request prosecution of claims 1, 4-5, and 22-68.

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§ 103

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2372765 ("*Head*") in view of WO 00/50730 ("*Tessari*"). The Examiner states *Head* discloses all of the limitations of claims 1-5, except for the motor. The Examiner further states *Tessari* discloses a motor attached to the casing.

Head discloses using coiled tubing to install a casing. The conductor 10 and the casing 20 are lowered by the coiled tubing 30. There is a releasable connection between the casing 20 and the coiled tubing 30, but not between the conductor 10 and the casing 20. *Head* does not disclose altering the trajectory of the wellbore. Also, *Head* discloses jetting in the casing, not rotating an earth removal member. *Tessari* discloses a method of drilling directional wellbores using a casing string as the drill stem. Because *Head* discloses jetting in the casing, there is no motivation to combine the motor of *Tessari* with the jetting action of *Head*. The references, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest providing a second casing concentrically disposed within a first casing and selectively altering a trajectory of the second casing while rotating the earth removal member as the second casing continues into the formation, as recited in claim 1. Also, the references, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest an outer casing having a deflecting member and an inner casing disposed with the outer casing and operatively attached thereto, as recited in new claim 35. Further, the references, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest penetrating a formation with the first casing to form the wellbore; selectively altering a trajectory of the wellbore while penetrating the formation of the first casing, as recited in claim 62. Further still, the references, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest penetrating the formation with the deflector, as recited in claim 64. Therefore, Applicants believe claims 1, 4-5, and 22-64 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request allowance of the same.

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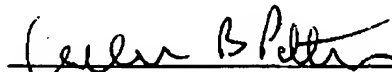
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Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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